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What makes a successful community college student?

A successful community college student can be defined in many ways and it takes a while to reach the successful community college student status. In the eyes of society, a successful community college student would have all A's and maybe some B's, and be able to maintain a work, school, and social life and keep it all in balance. Truth be told that is not the reality. Community college is sometimes as stressful as a university is on students but being a part of a community college that provides students with so many resources in order to not have to stress about some things makes it much better. Central Piedmont Community College provides resources for kids that food, childcare, transposition, tutoring, and many other things that could cause stress. A successful college student uses these resources wisely, is organized and time efficient, and last of all but an important trait, a successful college student has ambition.

Community college's give students many resources in order to help them with issues that might arise in their daily life. A successful community college student knows when he or she should use these resources. For example, a college student that knows they are trying their best in a class, but just isn't seeing the grades that they like, would seek out the free tutoring that most community colleges provide. Seeking tutoring will help students understand the content better and then receive better grades, which will ultimately lead to their success.

When a community college student is organized and time efficient it aids their success in classes and other activities. Keeping due dates organized helps a student make a schedule and can also make them time efficient. If students keep an organized list of when things are due, then they can plan their time wisely, so they do not have to worry about their assignment at one time. Another way organization can help lead to a student's success is by keeping all school and personal life information separated. Keeping papers like notes for class separate from doctor appointment papers is key to a community college student's success, because it saves time from having to rummage through a whole bunch of papers that are all mixed up.

An ambitious community college student makes a successful student. When a student has the desire to succeed or ambition to succeed then it makes them work ten times harder than a student that is just doing it because they think they have to. There are two kinds of students: there is the student that is going through college in order to build a future for themselves, and then there is the students that are going through college because they feel that it is the right thing to do or something their parents want them to do. The students who are going through college in order to build a future for themselves are the most ambitious and end up being the most successful. Community college students usually end up getting an associate degree and pursuing a career in what they studied. Others choose to go beyond community college and transfer to a four-year university and then pursue a career in their field of study. Either way an ambitious community college student does make for a successful student.

A successful community college student is wise with their resources, time efficient/organized, and ambitious. I find that these things make a successful student because I personally have felt successful lately because of those three aspects. I have used my tutoring resources. I have also started to be more organized with my due dates in order to be more time efficient. And lastly, I have tried to keep my ambition at the highest level, because I know that keeping my ambitions high will result in my success as a community college student.